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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN AID TO BANGLADESH

1. FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER WILLESEE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT AUSTRALIA HAD MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR URGENT FOOD AID SHIPMENT TO BANGLADESH UNDER FAC. AUSTRALIAN WHEAT BOARD WILL SHIP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE 77,000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT VALUED AT A11.7 MILLION DOLLARS. BOARD ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE VESSELS IN NEARBY POSITIONS, BUT BULK PROBABLY TO BE SHIPPED IN OCTOBER SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF VESSELS.

2. MINISTER WILLESEE ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO LONGER TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE TO BANGLADESH, INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO DAIRY AND CATTLE INDUSTRIES. AT REQUEST OF GOB AUSTRALIA SENT MISSION TO DACCA TO EXAMINE FEASIBILITY OF ASSISTANCE TO LIVESTOCK INDUSTRY, COMPRISING QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE REPS, QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY AND CSIRO LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS, AND PROF. JOHNSON OF AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. ORIGINAL REQUEST FOR SUPPLY OF LIVESTOCK, BUT GOA BELIEVES
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ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION ASSISTANCE PROBABLY MORE APPROPRIATE.

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PROGRAM PLANNED FOR PABNA AREA NORTH OF DACCA, WHERE DENMARK NOW
ASSISTING WITH DAIRY PROCESSING PLANT. AUSTRALIA PLANS TO TIE
IN WITH DANISH WORK BY PROVIDING ASSITANCE AT FARM MANAGEMENT
AND PRODUCTION LEVEL. AS MISSION ONLY JUST RETURNED FINAL DECISION
HAS NOT YET BEEN MADE, BUT SOME ASSISTANCE WILL DEFINITELY
BE PROVIDED.

3. GOA ALSO PREPARING SHIPMENT OF URGENTLY NEEDED COMMODITIES,
PROBABLY FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY SHIPMENT, INCLUDING POWDERED SKIM
MILK, CEMENT, AND CORRUGATED IRON SHEETING.
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